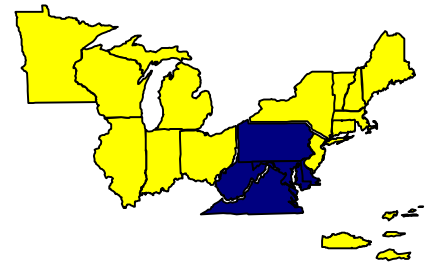




**U.S. Army**  
**Northern Regional Environmental Office**  
**Environmental Regulatory Profile**  
**U.S. Environmental**  
**Protection Agency Region III**



This document, which will be updated periodically, provides an overview of environmental regulatory programs and issues involving U.S. EPA Region III. The impressions and viewpoints expressed herein are those of the Army Northern Regional Environmental Office, and are based on publicly available information and interaction with U.S. EPA Region III personnel. Section I describes basic organization of the regional office. Section II discusses the regional office's priorities with regard to current and future program implementation. Section III summarizes environmental regulatory issues affecting Army operations in the region and efforts made to address them. Section IV provides a directory of key U.S. EPA Region III officials.

## **I. U.S. EPA Region III Organization**

**A.** The EPA Region III Office is responsible for the implementation of federal environmental programs in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The regional office, employing approximately 1,300 people, is located in Philadelphia, PA, with field operations and laboratories in Annapolis, MD, Ft Meade, MD, and Wheeling, WV. The major organizational elements in the regional office are:

- Office of Communications and Government Relations
- Office of Regional Counsel
- Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice
- Office of the Assistant Regional Administrator for Policy and Management
- Chesapeake Bay Program Office
- Hazardous Site Cleanup Division
- Waste and Chemicals Management Division
- Water Protection Division
- Air Protection Division
- Environmental Services Division

**B.** Federal environmental programs include air and water pollution control; toxic substances, pesticides, and drinking water regulation; wetlands protection; hazardous waste management; hazardous waste dump site cleanup; and some aspects of radioactive materials regulation. Activities include compliance and enforcement, inspection, engineering reviews, ambient monitoring, analysis of environmental trends, environmental planning, pollution prevention and risk assessments.

**C.** U.S. EPA Region III has not retained management and/or enforcement primacy for any delegable environmental programs in the region, except for regulatory programs under the Safe Drinking Water Act in the District of Columbia. The program for which the regional office has sole enforcement authority is the remediation activities at NPL sites. However, U.S. EPA Region III routinely conducts single-media inspections as well as multi-media inspections.

## **II. U.S. EPA Region III Priorities**

**A. Urban Sprawl.** Control and management of urban sprawl is a priority issue for all states in the region, as well as nationally. EPA Region III intends to work with the states in the region to collectively address this issue.

**B. Remediation.** Construction completion at NPL sites will be a continued priority of the Region III Federal Facility Superfund program.

**C. Water programs.** Identifying federal water suppliers and ensuring they meet the required monitoring requirements will be a continued priority. In addition, storm water permit requirements at federal facilities and overflows from sewage treatment plants will be a focus area during inspections.

**D. RCRA and Underground Storage Tanks.** RCRA 6002 affirmative procurement requirements at federal facilities will be inspected throughout the year. Although not an enforceable requirement at this time, RCRA 6002 information will be gathered to determine the future direction for the program. A continued emphasis also will be placed on the operational compliance of underground storage tank systems.

**E. Air Quality.** The proper handling of CFC-containing equipment will be an area of major emphasis within the air quality program in the region.

**F. General Enforcement.** The Region will use an integrated enforcement strategy that will emphasize self audits and self reporting under the audit policy as well as compliance assistance and enforcement inspections for selected environmental sectors.

## **III. Environmental Regulatory Issues Affecting Army Operations**

**A. Enforcement and Compliance Assistance.** The region intends to complete four multi-media inspections at federal facilities per year, in conjunction with single-medium enforcement inspections and inspections conducted pursuant to regulatory requirements. The Federal Facilities Coordinator intends to continue to conduct Environmental Management Reviews, upon request, at various federal facilities.

**B. Regional Federal Facilities Conference.** EPA Region III is co-hosting an EPA/State/DOD Environmental Colloquium in Baltimore, MD, in the Spring of 2002. Preliminary planning for the conference has begun. The DOD military service RECs, EPA and state partners will be working closely to identify agenda and issues for discussion.